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SUBJ: MANTA CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES LEADER DENOUNCES FOREIGN

FLAG FISHING VESSELS

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1. GUAYAQUIL PRESS JAN. 19 CARRIED MANTA DATELINE ARTICLE CONCERNING TELEGRAM FROM ANTONIO JONIAUX AVALOS, PRESIDENT OF MANTA CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES, TO GOE SUB-SECRETARY OF FISHERIES, CAPT. ETHIEL RODRIGUEZ, DENOUNCING PRESENCE OF FOREIGN FLAG FISHING VESSELS IN ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS. INFORMAL TRANSLATION TELEGRAM TEXT FOLLOWS: "WE DENOUNCE PRESENCE OFF ECUADOREAN COAST OF FOREIGN PURSE SEINERS, FREELY FISHING IN TERRITORIAL WATERS WITHOUT ANY CONTROL BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES. FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE, BECAUSE OF GREAT CAPACITY OF THESE BOATS, ECUADOREAN ARE LEFT WITHOUT FISH THUS AFFECTING INTERNAL SUPPLY AND AND NORMAL DEVELOPMENT OF ESTABLISHED INDUSTRIES. PLEASE TAKE STEPS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO STOP PLUNDERING TERRITORIAL SEA RESERVED FOR ECUADOREAN FISHING INDUSTRY."

2. CONGEN SOURCES RECONFIRMED THAT FISHING OFF MANTA EXTRAORDINARILY GOOD AT PRESENT TIME (REFTEL) AND THAT THERE MORE THAN ENOUGH FISH FOR EVERYONE. SOURCES SPECULATE THAT JONIAUX, A BOAT

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OWNER HIMSELF AND THUS WELL AWARE OF TRUE FISHING SITUATION, SENT

TELEGRAM AS MEANS OF GENERATING PERSONAL PUBLICITY TO ASSIST HIS
CAMPAIGN FOR RE-ELECTION AS CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES PRESIDENT IN
ELECTION TO BE HELD THIS WEEK.

3. REGARDLESS OF JONIAUX'S MOTIVATION, HIS TELEGRAM ADDS ANOTHER
IRRITANT TO DELICATE SITUATION OF FOREIGN FLAG FISHING VESSELS.

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